



Church of
St. John & St. Philip
The Hague

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ORGAN PRELUDE

Out of the Deep by JS Bach

OPENING HYMN

CP 97 Lord Jesus, From Deepest Woe

From deepest woe I cry to thee;
Lord, hear me, I implore thee!
Bend down thy gracious ear to me;
I lay my sins before thee.
If thou rememberest every sin,
if nought but just reward we win,
could we abide thy presence?

Thou grantest pardon through thy love;
thy grace alone availeth.
Our works could ne'er guild remove;
yea, e'en the best life faileth.
For none may boast themselves of aught,
but must confess thy grace that wrought
whate'er in them is worthy.

And thus my hope is in the Lord,
and not in my own merit;
I rest upon his faithful word
to them of contrite spirit.
That he is merciful and just,
here is my comfort and my trust;
his help I wait with patience.

WELCOME & GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting. By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

All **Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness
may receive from you, the God of all mercy
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and forever.

1ST READING

Joel 2: 1-2; 12-17

PSALM

Psalm 51: 1-18

C. Hylton Stewart



Have mercy on me, O God, in ' your great ' goodness ;
 according to the abundance of your compassion ' blot out ' my
 of ' fences.

Wash me thoroughly ' from my ' wickedness ;
 and ' cleanse me ' from my ' sin.

For I ac ' knowledge my ' faults ;
 and my ' sin is ' ever be ' fore me.

Against you only ' have I ' sinned ;
 and done what is ' evil ' in your ' sight.

Purge me with hyssop and I ' shall be ' clean ;
 wash me and I ' shall be ' whiter than ' snow.

Make me hear of ' joy and ' gladness ;
 that the bones you have ' broken ' may re ' joice.

Turn your ' face from my ' sins ;
 and ' blot out ' all my mis ' deeds.

Make me a clean ' heart, O ' God ;
 and re ' new a right ' spirit with ' in me.

Cast me not a ' way from your ' presence ;
 and take not your ' holy ' spirit ' from me.

O Lord, ' open my ' lips ;
 and my ' mouth shall pro ' claim your ' praise.

For you desire no sacrifice, ' else I would ' give it ;
 you take no de ' light in ' burnt ' offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a ' broken ' spirit ;
 a broken and contrite heart, O God, ' you will ' not des ' pise.

Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son ; and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit.

As it was in the beg ' inning is ' now ; and shall be for ' ever. ' A ' men.

2ND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

GOSPEL HYMN**Now let us all with one accord**

Now let us all with one accord,
in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord
in his temptation and his fast.

The covenant so long revealed
to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed,
the Lord of love, in love sublime.

Your love, O Christ, our sinful race
has not returned, but falsified;
author of mercy, turn your face
and grant repentance for our pride.

Remember, Christ, though frail we be,
in your own image were we made;
help us, lest in anxiety,
we cause your Name to be betrayed.

Therefore, we pray you, Christ, forgive;
so wend our wanderings here shall cease,
we may with you forever live,
in love and unity and peace

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 6: 1-6; 16-21****SERMON****CHOIR ANTHEM** **Pi  Jesu** *by G. Faur ***PEACE**

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

PRAYERS

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

God the Father,

All **have mercy on us.**

God the Son,

All **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,

All **have mercy on us.**

Trinity of love,

All **have mercy on us.**

All **Most merciful God,**

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

we confess that we have sinned

in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you, Lord all our past unfaithfulness:

the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Our anger at our own frustration,

and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts

and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship

and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Accept our repentance, Lord ...
for the wrongs we have done,
for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments,
for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours
and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from us.

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation
and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

All Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

All that we may show your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son or Lord,

All bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Silence is kept.

All We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy

**forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;**

that we may do justly,

love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN**Jesu, Priceless Treasure**

1. Jesus. Priceless treasure,
Source of purest pleasure,
Truest friend to me:
Ah, how long I've panted
And my heart hath faint-ed,
Thirsting, Lord, for Thee.
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee,
Naught I ask beside Thee

2. In Thine arms I rest me,
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here;
Tho' the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear;
Fires may flash and thunder crash,
Yea, and sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

3. Hence with earthly treasure!
Thou art all my pleasure,
Jesus, all my choice;
Hence Thou empty glory!
Naught to me thy story,
Told with tempting voice'
Pain or loss, or shame, or cross,
Shall not from my Savior move me,
Since He deigns to love me

THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

4. Fare thee well that errest,
Thou that earth preferest,
Thou wilt tempt in vain;
Fare thee well, transgression
Hence, abhorred possession,
Come not forth again.
Past your hour, O pride and pow'r,
Worldly life, thy bonds I sever,
Fare thee well forever!

5. Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in;
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within;
Yea, what-e'er I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure;
Jesus, priceless treasure.

ORGAN POSTLUDE **Jesu, Priceless Treasure** *by J.S. Bach*
